

c. 1893

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The Rookery
"Woodwynd"
4006 Stewart Road
Stevenson, Md. 21153
private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

THE ROOKERY

AND/OR COMMON

Woodwynd

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

4006 Stewart Road

Second

CITY, TOWN

Stevenson

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

___ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___MUSEUM

___COMMERCIAL

___PARK

___EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ENTERTAINMENT

___RELIGIOUS

___GOVERNMENT

___SCIENTIFIC

___INDUSTRIAL

___TRANSPORTATION

___MILITARY

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Drachman

Telephone #: 486-6693

STREET & NUMBER

4006 Stewart Road

Maryland 21153

CITY, TOWN

Stevenson

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore County Courts Bldg.

Liber #: 5025

Folio #: 106

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

WOODWYND is a two and one-half storey house of the very early twentieth century Colonial-revival. The main block faces north and it is three bays in length. A lower two storey wing extends one bay to the east, its north facade recessed behind that of the main block, and a wing of equal height extends three bays behind or south of the east wing. A very small one storey west wing is one long bay in length. A one and one-half storey quietly contemporary wing two long bays in length extends diagonally to the southwest, joined to the main block by a short hyphen. All exterior walls are covered with wood shingles stained a dark brown and the steep gable roofs are of slate. The principal entrance is centered in the north facade of the main block, sheltered by a small portico of the Roman Doric order, its entablature complete with triglyphs. Typical windows are 6/6 with wide trim and without blinds. Oval windows in the second storey near each corner of the west end have four bold keystones. One is in the semi-circular window near the peak of the west gable. A Palladian window is high in the east gable. The principal cornice has dentils and modillions. Three dormer windows in the northerly slope of the roof have 6/6 sash and hipped roofs. Two broad interior chimneys rise within the end bays of the main block. Details of the wings are similar but simpler. Two sets of quadruple glazed doors are in the east side of the north wing marking the importance of the principal room within. The utterly simple lines and details of the contemporary southwest wing, and the similar materials, make it wholly compatible with the original: a rectangular projecting bay on the northwest side is sheltered beneath a continuation of the wing's principal roof and it is glazed with simple expanses of plate glass. Its counterpart on the southeast side, facing a courtyard behind the original house, is a pair of double sliding glass doors. A brick chimney rises externally at the south corner of this wing.

A center hall through the main block leads south to a polygonal stairhall where the moulded rail terminates at the foot of the stair in a scroll; four rectangular balusters rising from each tread support the railing. Principal rooms on either side of the center hall are accessible through doors with dentiled over-door trim. Mantels in each principal room have late eighteenth century style detailing, compatible with and original to the house. The principal drawing room is in the south wing, its floor level depressed several steps below the main block; its fireplace is on its west wall, its mantel of the Tuscan order.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

WOODWYND is an early twentieth century house of the American Colonial-revival style, rather accurately detailed with little influence of the recent Romanesque-revival; it retains nearly all of its original detailing with little change. A contemporary wing, in its quiet simplicity, is wholly compatible with the original.

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"The Rookery"

The land on which the "Rookery", now known as "Woodwynd", was built was a part of the original Cliffholm Estate. Charles Morton Stewart bought the 10.031 acres on which the "Rookery" now stands in a number of parcels of land. The following two were most probably the ones that encompass this particular acreage:

On Oct. 24, 1864 Dr. William Gibson to Charles Morton Stewart by Liber J.H.L. No. 42 folio 532.

On Feb. 24, 1880 Mr. Richard F. Maynard to Charles Morton Stewart by Liber W.M.I. No. 116 folio 71.

After Charles Morton Stewart died in 1900, his wife, Josephine Lurman Stewart, passed the land on to her daughter-in-law, Anna Gilmore Stewart (who was the wife of Gustav Lurman Stewart) on March 8, 1907 by Deed Liber W.P.C. No. 310 folio 418.

On Aug. 1, 1923, Anna Gilmore Stewart and Gustav L. Stewart sold the property to William C. Coleman by Deed Liber W.P.C. No. 574 folio 547. On Jan. 12, 1968. William C. Coleman died and left this deed to his wife, Elizabeth Brooke Coleman by means of his Will Liber J.L.D. No. 101 folio 523. Elizabeth B. Coleman died on Sept. 18, 1968 and by her will Liber J.L.D. No. 107 folio 10, she appointed two executors to her will, Edmund S. Ruffin and Gordon G. Power. These executors sold the "Rookery" to Dr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Drachman on Aug. 12, 1969 by Deed Liber No. 5025 folio 106. Dr. and Mrs. Drachman live in the house now and have renamed it "Woodwynd".

The Rookery was the first new house to be built on the Cliffholme Estate. It was constructed soon after the marriage of Frances (daughter of Charles Morton Stewart and his first wife, Sophie De Butts) to Edward Livingston Coster of N. Y. in 1892.¹ The Rookery was probably built between 1892 and by Charles M. Stewart for his daughter Frances in 1895. The barn was built at the same time.²

After the marriage of Gustav Lurman Stewart (Frances' brother) to Anna Gilmore Stewart, they became the new occupants. In 1923, Gustav L. Stewart and Anna G. Stewart moved to New York and sold the Rookery to William C. Coleman. In 1925, Judge and Mrs. Coleman added to the house, improved the barn, and added a garage to the barn construction.³ He also added a gardeners cottage. In 1969, Dr. and Mrs. Drachman made further improvements to the main house and added a new section in 1975.

¹ Ellinor Stewart Heiser, Days Gone By (Baltimore: Waverly Press, 1953), p. 62.

² Transfer Book and Storage, 3rd District, 1895, p.106.
"Addition to Cliffholm 40,000"
"New Stable Park Heights Ave. 200 "
(This could be in reference to the Rookery and the stable)

³ Interview with Mrs. Richard Williams on March 11, 1980.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Dawn F. Thomas and Robert W. Barnes, The Green Spring Valley: Its
 History and Heritage. (Baltimore: Maryland Historical Society, 1978).

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 10.031

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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Valleys Planning Council 3-17-80
 ORGANIZATION DATE

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

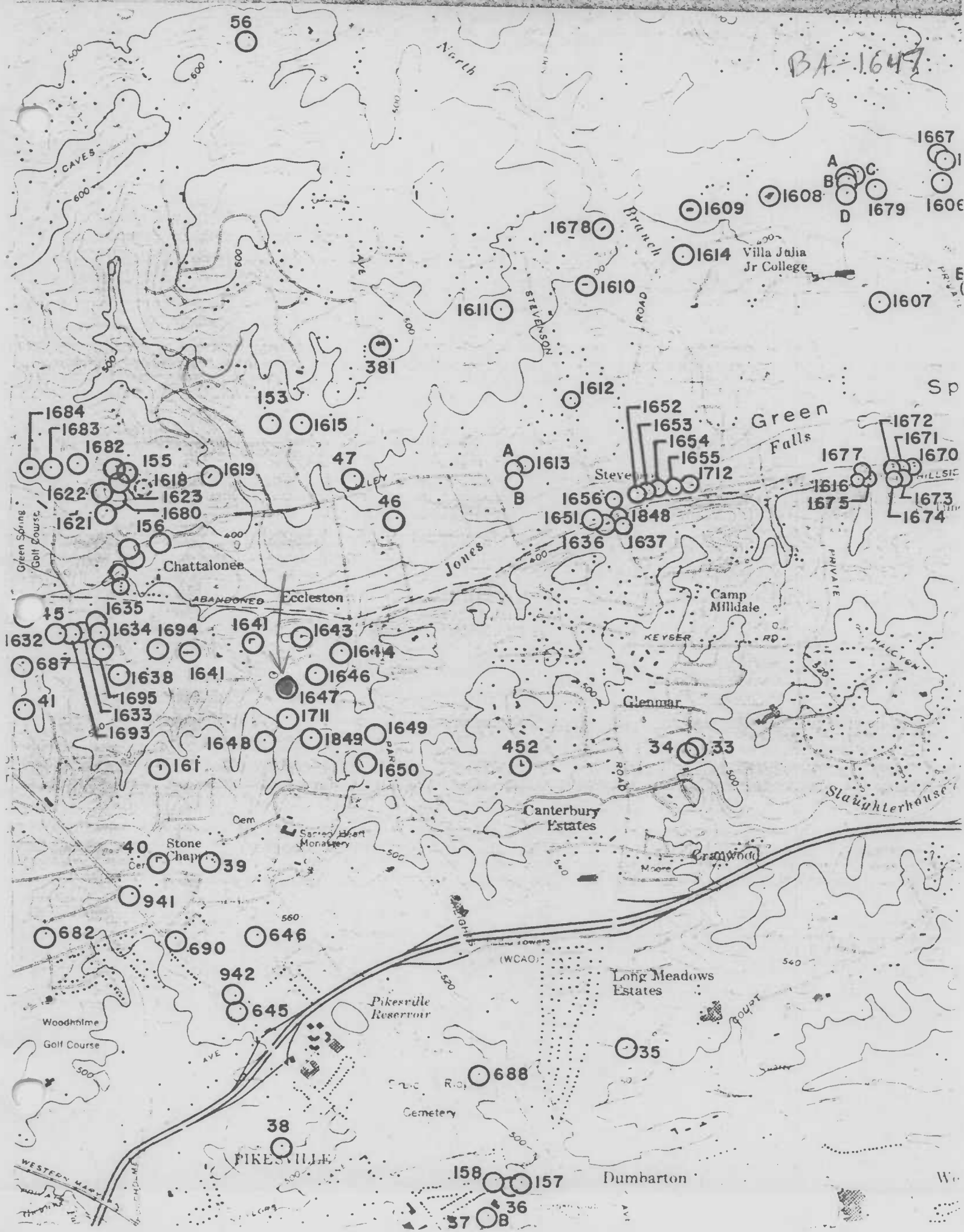
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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